



February 7, 2021

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME BACK!

REMINDERS:

- Please wear your masks.
- Every other pew is being used to maintain social distancing. Only families of the same household can sit close to each other. Only two non-family members can sit on each pew (one on each end)
- No procession or recession by priest.
- No service booklet except for the priest, acolyte and/or appointed response person.
- The Offering collection plate will not be passed around during the service. It is in the back of church. Please try to place your offering there before the service or at the end if you missed it.
- Communion will be bread only. It will be given closer to the pews. Single file down the aisle and exit to the left or right to walk back to your seat. **All are welcome to go up for communion or a blessing. Christians receive the Eucharist to fully embody the covenant relationship created in Baptism. If you are not yet baptized, cross your arms over your chest and you will receive a grace-filled blessing.*
- No contact during the peace (just turn and acknowledge each other with a bow, wave, etc.)
- No coffee hour after the service.
- If you are feeling sick or feverish, please stay home.

IMPORTANT: No singing or responses out loud. The congregation will prayerfully listen during the service and silently respond in their heads and hearts. One person will be appointed to say the people's responses for the congregation.

READINGS FOR TODAY:

The Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

The Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Prayers of the People - Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishop(s) Bishop Curry & Bishop Fitzpatrick; for this gathering; and for all
ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those on our prayer list.

For the family of: Mildred Ogai and Ed Matsui

For the healing and care of: Faye Hee, Malcolm Hee, Celine Niau Nelson, Jan Motoshige, Sumie Mizushima, Steve Kai, Blaise Napu'unoa, Jonathan Lee, David Lee, Rei Hamano, Aki Shitagi, Lori Maunalanga, & Janine LeGrande.

For the birthdays of: Kenneth Marshall, Rodney Nishimoto, Donna Ujimori and Matthew Hirai

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence



Weekly Announcements

*Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 1801 Tenth Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816
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Good Samaritan is an open and inclusive community, all are welcome.

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Welcome to Good Samaritan Church!

We want to thank you for being with us today. Your presence is a gift to our community, and your prayers enhance our worship. We look forward to your return!

Please also hold the following people in your prayers

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Good Samaritan, Honolulu; St. Stephen's, Wahiawa: The Rev. Kaleo Patterson (Priest) & Mrs. Nancy Patterson.

Announcements (new)

Our New-Used Piano

Thank you to Ben Trusnovec for finding the piano and getting the Uhaul truck. Thank you also to Paul Kaneshiro, Cy and Deb Nishihira for helping to move the (very heavy) piano from a residence in McCully to the church. The piano is out of tune but John Ogai talked to the piano tuner that said we should wait 2-3 weeks for the piano to get acclimated to the new environment before getting it tuned.

Mokule'ia: More Stay-Cay dates!

Camp Mokule'ia has added another set of dates to its Spring Stay-Cay packages! Hurry and reserve your space today for a great family get away in a variety of camping options! Current Stay-Cay dates are: February 19-21, March 26-28, and April 16-18. For more info visit their website

COVID Vaccination Information

Be sure to stay informed of the latest about COVID vaccination schedules, especially during these times of rapidly changing news. Currently, health care workers, first responders, frontline essential workers, and kupuna age 75+ are eligible to receive vaccinations. Visit the State COVID-19 webpage for more info.

Update on Jan Motoshige: Making Some Progress and Moving Towards Surgery

Journal Entry by Joni Kohama on December 2, 2021

Mom is doing very well and thriving at Hale Pulama Mau. She is much more lucid and the regular schedule of activities keeps her engaged. She has told us that she enjoys socializing with the staff and helping them to fold laundry and the nurses have told us she has made a lot of friends with the other patients on the floor.

In January, her orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Darin Awaya, said the broken bone in her foot had healed nicely and she no longer needed to wear the boot. It was an extra nice visit as Dr. Awaya told mom that he was an Iolani alum and remembered her. They had a nice chat and it really perked up Mom's spirits.

Without the boot, Mom's walking has improved some and the therapists started to work with her on climbing stairs. As of late January, Mom could walk 100 feet with a therapist steadying her and walk up 5 stairs with a therapist holding her up. Mom is slowly getting stronger however her progress is hindered by her "drop foot" caused by the Guillain-Barre Syndrome. When Mom was diagnosed in November, in addition to the overall muscle weakness, the GBS caused a complete absence of reflexes. The therapists have explained that it will just take time for Mom to gain back her muscle strength and "reawaken" her reflexes.

In addition to the "drop foot" Mom's progress is also being hindered by her cognitive impairment. She is unable to remember where to place her hands to stand and how to brace herself when lowering into a chair. She requires verbal cues to remind her that she has to lift her foot higher to compensate for her "drop foot". Proper hand placement, support and bracing are especially important to keep her safe as she is still experiencing some knee and ankle buckling.

Since Mom is having a hard time remembering what the PT is training her to do, Mom requires 24-hour care/supervision. Due to a plateau in her progress, Mom has been discharged from the skilled nursing level of care and we have put her in the intermediate level of care at HPM. Despite the change in level of care, the kind HPM staff made an extra effort to find a room on the same floor she has been on since December to minimize her confusion and anxiety. So far, this change did cause her some confusion however as she is getting her bearings and realizing that she is familiar with the floor and the people, she is acclimating quite well to the change. Currently she does not have a roommate in her new room so she has the whole room to herself.

With this change, she technically could have moved to a new nursing facility however we have decided to keep Mom temporarily at HPM as Mom finally got cleared for surgery! We are so excited that we can FINALLY get her the surgery she needs to deal with her cancer.

Mom's mastectomy is scheduled for next week Monday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m. That morning she will be wheeled from HPM to the hospital. After the surgery they will most likely keep her overnight for observation then, when she gets discharged from the hospital, she will be wheeled back to HPM for weeks of post-surgery wound care and rehab. As Mom is getting a mastectomy, she will not need to undergo any post-surgery radiation.

We are grateful for all of the cards, emails and phone calls from family and friends. Mahao!

We will keep you posted on the surgery and next steps.

Thank you all for your care and concern.



(Picture was taken on Dad's 82nd birthday which was also the day we took Mom to see her surgeon to schedule her surgery. A very happy day)

Announcements (repeat)

Flower sign-up sheet: Our new flower sign-up sheet is up on the back of the church. We hope the current poinsettia plants from Pat Lum will last through January so please sign-up for the remaining months if you can!

Angels in Touch: Thank you to Faith Ichida who has agreed to be our new "Angel" in writing out birthday/get-well/anniversary cards from the church. Faye Hee has agreed to be the backup as well being willing to send out other acknowledgement cards that come from the church. We thank Jan Motoshige for having done it all these past years!

Ongoing Phishing Scams:

It appears that email phishing scams have been more prevalent during the holidays, and we want to remind everyone to be wary of any emails that ask for money, gift cards, personal information, etc. Another email circulating under the Bishop's name uses a gmail account (bishopfitzpatrickrobert@gmail.com), but there are others. Whenever in doubt, always contact the sender directly for confirmation and do not click on any links within the questionable email. If you believe you have received one of these fake emails, report it to Google here: <https://support.google.com/mail/answer/8253?hl=en>

Communication with Jan Motoshige:

Per Jan's daughter, Joni, to connect with her Mom, please feel free to:

Call her cell phone at (808)349-6435

Email her at moto1990@me.com and cc Joni at joni@gigaisland.com

Email her a video message and cc Joni

Write her a letter or card and send it to Joni

Here's Joni's address:

Janice Motoshige
 c/o Joni Kohama
 2165 Aha Niu Place
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

Two By Two Crafts - Gail and Ariel Lee have many other craft products available online. You can check out their website at <https://twobytwocrafts.com> if you're interested!

Piano Lessons: Anyone interested in learning to play the piano? See Ben for his business card, he'd love to receive referrals!

Feel free to take the readings and announcements home with you today.

It can also be viewed on our church website at:

<http://www.goodsamaritanhawaii.org/weekly-announcements.html>

Thank You to Our Worship Team!	
February 7, 2021	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Philip Paradine
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Chris Omuro
Flowers:	Calvin Say
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Jessica Lum & Melissa Morinishi

<i>Looking Ahead</i>	
<i>NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 14, 2021</i>	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Imelda Padasdao
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Melissa Morinishi
Flowers:	Omuro-Taylor & Chris' birthday
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Les Hata & Myrtle Kaneshiro